

--To this end a card of the type referred to in the opening paragraph is characterized in that the product or service comprises a reservation for an event, in that an amount due for said event is deductible electronically from said monetary value by means of said integrated circuit and in that reservation information may be loaded in said memory. While the card according to the invention may still be used as a transaction card for direct purchasing purposes, it may also be used for events, e.g. pop festivals, theatre performances, sports games, etc. The transaction card according to the invention may, for that matter, be supplemented with any corresponding reservation. To this end, again preferably in an electronic way, contact is made with the booking agency and the amount due is debited from the transaction card and the acquired reservation is loaded into the memory of the card. The user may enter the places desired by him, if and as far as they are still available. Thus, the card serves as an access ticket for the event concerned. In case of private events, the reservation is to be entered or shown together with a membership card, e.g. a season ticket/club ticket with football matches, before the reservation can be executed. Such a reservation procedure may also be adopted outside the framework of a pure transaction card system, making use of your own chip-card with a monetary value, e.g. *chip-knip* as described below.--

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14,
insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22,
insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22,
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The consumer is now able to give away the just
acquired, loaded transaction card 2 as a gift. The person
receiving transaction card 2 from him, may spend it on the
purpose indicated on the card. This may be a sound recording
medium in case of a CD/record token, a stay in a hotel in case of
a hotel token, a dinner in case of a dinner token, etc. Again
and again, the card is spent at a desired corresponding
affiliated company for a specific product or respectively a
specific service. The indicated purpose may, however, also
concern a specific place, e.g. a certain department store,
shopping center or shopkeepers' organization, in which case the
purchased service or product is generally optional.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) Transaction card representing a certain monetary purchasing value which can be exchanged for an optional